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1. INDONESIA

MINING MINISTRY SPOKESMAN TOLD REPORTERS FRIDAY THAT THOUGH
US ONE OF INDO'S MAJOR OIL MARKETS, GOI UNWORRIED BY US PLAN
TO CUT OIL CONSUMPTION, SINCE INDO'S REDUCED OIL REVENUE
WITHIN NEXT 10 YRS, IF US PLAN MATERIALIZES, WOULD BE
COUNTERBALANCED BY REVENUES FROM OTHER EXPORTS--SUCH AS
TIN/NICKEL/FOREST PRODUCTS, INCLUDING TIMBER (REUTER
JAKARTA 4/23).

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GOI AUTHORITIES HAVE ARRESTED 6 MEN IN JAVA'S PURWAKARTA
DISTRICT REPORTEDLY CONNECTED WITH RIGHTIST MOVEMENT,
CHARGED THEM WITH PLOTTING BLOW UP ONE OF COUNTRY'S BIGGEST
POWER PLANTS (AP, WP 4/23).

2. JAPAN

LAT'S AVERHILL CITES SENATE CONFIRMATION MANSFIELD, NOTES
NOMINATION HAILED IN BOTH US/JAPAN. QUOTES PRAISES FROM
SEVERAL DEM/GOP SENS AT CONFIRMATION HEARINGS (4/22).

FON MINISTRY TO SEND NUKE ENERGY MISSION FOR SEPARATE TALKS IN NEXT FEW DAYS W/UK/France/FRG, TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR REPROCESSING NUKE FUEL IN FACE US OPPOSITION. TOKYO INFORMED SOURCES SAY JAPAN HOPES GET THOSE COUNTRIES AGREE ON NEED FOR ALL 4 ESTABLISH NUKE FUEL CYCLE THRU DEVELOPMENT REPROCESSING SYSTEMS (REUTER TOKYO 4/22).

JAPAN'S 1ST FAST-BREEDER REACTOR WENT INTO OPN 4/24, BECOMING 5TH NATION BEHIND US/USSR/UK/France TO HAVE SUCH REACTOR (CSM).

ALL-JAPAN SEAMEN'S UNION CANCELLED PLANNED WALKOUT 4/23, ACCEPTED MANAGEMENT'S FINAL OFFER 9 PCT AVG MONTHLY WAGE INCREASE AFTER ALL-NITE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (CULLISON, JOC).

JAPANESE LABOR MINISTRY SOURCES UNOFFICIALLY PREDICT MONTHLY WAGE INCREASES BETW 8.5-10 PCT AS RESULT SPRING LABOR OFFENSIVE. ESTIMATE BASED ON DEVELOPMENTS SO FAR IN NEGOTS BETW MANAGEMENT/LABOR OF 1,369 UNIONS IN BOTH PUBLIC/PVT SECTOR (CULLISON).

SUMITOMO METAL TO RAISE ROLLED STEEL PRICES 9 1/2 PCT EFFECTIVE 5/1 (UPI, JOC).

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IN JOC'S SPECIAL SECTION ON INSURANCE BUSINESS, CULLISON INTERVIEWS MITSUTAKA ITO--FORMER SMALL BUSINESSMAN IN OSAKA WHO STUDIED RISK MANAGEMENT IN US. ITO CHRMN INTL RISK MANAGEMENT SOCIETY OF JAPAN, WHICH NOW TEACHES OTHER JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN INSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT.

REUTER (TOKYO) REPORTS SNIFFING PAINT THINNER--HABIT WHICH CAUGHT ON IN LATE'60S--REMAINS UNABATED AMONG JAPANESE YOUTH. LAST YR, 118 DIED FROM HABIT/OVER 37,000 DETAINED FOR QUESTIONING BY POLICE. JUDICIAL COUNCIL NOW PROPOSING REFORMS IN JAPAN'S LENIENT YOUTH LAWS TO DEAL MORE SEVERELY W/18-19 YR OLDS (SUN).

WP'S SAAR (TOKYO, 4/23) REPORTS ON JAPAN'S EXPERIMENTS W/"FLYING TRAINS." OFFICIALLY CALLED HIGH SPEED SURFACE TRANSPORT, TRAINS DESIGNED MOVE 4 INCHES ABOVE MAGNETIC TRACK AT 300 MPH. US/CANADA/FRG/USSR/UK/France DEVELOPING SIMILAR TRANSPORT, BUT JAPAN WANTS BE 1ST PUT FLYING TRAINS INTO REGULAR SERVICE.

YUSUKE FUKADA, JAL'S REP IN EUR, WRITES BOOK ABOUT WESTERN BUSINESS PRACTICES. NOTES W/INCREULITY THAT EUROPEANS ACTUALLY EXPECT TAKE AUTHORIZED VACATIONS/WESTERN SECRETARIES ACTUALLY HELP BOSSES DO THEIR WORK (LACHICA, WSJ).

LAT (GLOBE) NOTES JAPAN BEGAN OPN 1ST FAST-BREEDER REACTOR 4/21, REAFFIRMING DETERMINATION USE PLUTONIUM FOR NUKE POWER DEVELOPMENT. AMEMB OFFICIAL SAID REACTOR DEVELOPED W/ HELP US "LARGE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM." PM MARKED OCCASION BY DECLARING INTENTION MEET W/CARTER PRIVATELY DURING MAY ECON SUMMIT TO RENEW JAPAN'S APPEALS FOR PERMISSION PROCEED W/RE-PROCESSING; ALSO INTENDS BRING UP ISSUE AT SUMMIT ITSELF.

3. CHINA

PRES CARTER TOLD 4/22 NEWS CONF HE DOES NOT ANTICIPATE UNCLASSIFIED

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PRC TRIP THIS YR BUT, "I WOULD CERTAINLY WELCOME THE CHINESE LEADERS HERE..." NOTED PRC POSITION TRIP TO WASHINGTON INAPPROPRIATE LONG AS TAIWAN HAS AMBASSADOR IN US (REUTER WASHINGTON 4/22). PRES SAID MESSAGE "CHIP" CARRIED FROM PRC LEADERS ONE OF FRIENDSHIP/GOODWILL/MUTUAL AGREEMENT INCREASE TRADE/COMMUNICATIONS.

WP AND SUN NOTE SOV COMMUNIST PARTY SECY ZIMYANIN'S SPEECH AT MOSCOW CEREMONIES MARKING LENIN ANNIVERSARY CONSTITUTED FIRST SOV ATTACK ON PRC SINCE SEPT DEATH OF MAO. PRC EMBASSY CHARGE WANG CHIN-CHING WALKED OUT IN PROTEST OF SOV PARTY OFFICIAL'S ACCUSATION THAT PEKING IS FANNING WORLD TENSIONS BY JOINING WITH "REACTIONARY FORCES." SUN ALSO CARRIES UPI PIC OF MOSCOW MEETING ATTENDED BY TOP SOV PARTY LEADERS (AP MOSCOW, SUN; MOSCOW SOURCED STORY IN WP 4/23).

NCNA WARNS WWII INEVITABLE BECAUSE OF SOV-AMERICAN ARMS "RACE AGAINST TIME" TO ACHIEVE SUPERPOWER STATUS (UPI HK, NYT 4/23).

PRC PAPERS FILLED WITH HUA PHOTOS INTERPRETED AS INTENSIFICATION NEW HUA PERSONALITY CULT BEING BUILT (REUTER PEKING, NYT; ALSO IN SUN WIRE SERVICES REPORT).

KYODO REPORT FROM TOKYO SAYS "GANG OF FOUR" HAS PLEADED GUILTY TO 10 UNSPECIFIED CHARGES/WILL NOT BE EXECUTED. SAME REPORT INDICATES CHINA-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOC PRES, LIAO CHENG-CHIH, TOLD JAPAN JOURNALISTS TENG IN GOOD HEALTH/HIS REHABILITATION JUST QUESTION OF TIME (SUN).

PRC HAS ANNOUNCED CHANG TING-FA NOW COMMANDER CHINESE AIR FORCE (WP 4/24; SUN). LONGER ISAACS STORY (HK SUN) SAYS MA NING REPLACED BY ONE OF HIS DEPUTIES/NOT SEEN OR MENTIONED SINCE PURGE OF "GANG OF FOUR" IN OCT. SHIFT IN AF LEADERSHIP FIRST IN TOP MIL RANKS SINCE PURGE. UNCLASSIFIED

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PRC HAS EASED POLICY OF "EXILING" CHILDREN TO COUNTRYSIDE
(UPI TOKYO WP 4/24)

4. JAPAN/KOREA

INS NY HAS BEGUN DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST 178
JAPANESE MEMBERS MOON CHURCH, WHO ENTERED US YRS AGO
AS TEMPORARY VISITORS/HAVE REMAINED W/O AUTHORIZATION.
INS REFUSED 3 YRS AGO ALLOW MEMBERS STAY ON GROUNDS WERE
IN US FOR MISSIONARY TRAINING/SAID IT HELD UP DEPORTATION
PROCEEDINGS UNTIL OUTCOME MOON CHURCH COURT APPEAL.
US DISTRICT COURT AFFIRMED INS RULING (WILLIAMS, NYT
4/24; AP WP 4/24, SUN).

5. KOREA

NK'S LEGISLATURE MEETS 4/26 IN SESSION THAT MAY YIELD
CLUES ABOUT KIM IL SUNG'S VIEW CARTER ADMIN/US MOVE WITH-
DRAW FORCES SK. YRLY MTG 541-MEMBER GROUP APPROVES NEW
BUDGET/LISTENS AS KIM SETS DOWN POLICY LINE (UPI, NYDN).

CHURCH SOURCES SAY SK'S POLICE SEIZED LEAST 4 CHRISTIAN
YOUTHS/BROKE UP DEMONSTRATION 4/24 DEMANDING DEMOCRATIC
REFORMS/RELEASE POL PRISONERS (AP NYT, WP). WP (4/23)
ADDS AT LEAST 45 JAILED IN CRACKDOWN ON DISSIDENTS SINCE
US CODEL LEFT SEOUL; 18 RELEASED/17 STILL HELD. AMONG
THOSE HELD ARE 4 RC PRIESTS/MOTHER DISSIDENT POET KIM
CHI HA.

HOUSE ETHICS CMTE'S CHIEF INVESTIGATOR LACOVARA TOLD
CMTE 4/21 WOULD BE SEPT BEFORE ENOUGH INFO/BACKGROUND
MATERIAL COLLECTED TO ALLOW HEARINGS. SAID CMTE SHOULD
NOT YIELD TO "PUBLIC PERCEPTION" INVESTIGATION'S PACE,
ADDED RESULTS "ULTIMATELY ACHIEVED" WOULD BUILD CONFIDENCE
IN PROBE (SARRO, WSTAR 4/22).
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DOW CHEMICAL EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE IN SK'S FUTURE/PLANS
INVEST 125 MIL DOLS IN NEW PLANT. PROJECT WILL BE WHOLLY-
OWNED DOW VENTURE (UPI JOC).

6. PHILIPPINES

FINAL RETURNS ON REFERENDUM IN 13 S PHILS PROVS SHOW
NEARLY 98 PCT ELECTORATE VOTED AGAINST GOVT RUN BY MORO
NATL LIB FRONT IN AUTONOMOUS MOSLEM REGION (UPI, NYT;
WSTAR; WP, ALL 4/24; AP, SUN).

NYDN, NYT HAVE AP FOTO MOSLEM WOMEN SOLDIERS OF MORO FRONT
CARRYING US-MADE M-16 RIFLES.

7. INDOCHINA

HANOI SAYS FOUND BODY B-52 PILOT KIA DEC 26, 1972 (WP 4/23); FINDING COMMUNICATED TO DOS COORDINATOR FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS (WSTAR 4/23). DOS SPOKESMAN SAYS FAMILY NOTIFIED, BUT NO DETAILS MADE PUBLIC UNTIL POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION MADE (AP, SUN 4/23).

VN RENEWS DEMANDS FOR US RECONSTRUCTION AID AT UN UNIT'S BANGKOK MTG (WSTAR 4/23).

AT MANILA, 6 ADB MEMBERS CALL FOR RESUMPTION AID TO VN; FRANCE/AUSTRIA/FINLAND/NORWAY/SWEDEN/INDIA WANT HELP HANOI (KAMM, NYT 2/23). VN ASKS ADB FOR SPEEDY RECONSTRUCTION AID; BANK PRES YOSHIDA SAYS MAY BE "QUITE A LONG TIME" BEFORE SUCH ACTION COULD BE TAKEN. OBSERVERS BELIEVE YOSHIDA'S CAUTION STEMMED IN PART FROM US RELUCTANCE EXTEND ECON AID TO VN UNTIL POL RELATIONSHIP PUT ON NORMAL FOOTING (KAMM 4/24).

SUN 4/23/WP 4/24 CARRY AP PIX TAKEN BY KYODO NEWS SERVICE UNCLASSIFIED

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REPORTER WHO WENT AS TOURIST TO VN; DEPICT BACK STREET IN HANOI/WORKERS AT NEW ECON ZONE AT VILLAGE OUTSIDE HANOI.

PEAGAM (VIENTIANE NYT) REPORTS MALARIA RAGING THRU LAOS. QUOTES DOCTORS THAT SUDDEN SPREAD DUE END US AID-FUNDED MALARIA PREVENTION CAMPAIGN. ADDS PROBLEM AGGRAVATED BY GOVT'S RESETTLEMENT/DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. POINTS OUT MALARIA ONLY 1 OF SEVERAL SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS FACING LAOS. AP'S ARNETT (SUN 4/24) RETURNS TO VIENTIANE THAT HE REMEMBERS AS EXOTIC BOOM-TOWN, FINDS TOWN REFLECTS COMMUNIST AUSTERITY. RECALLS MANSFIELD, W/PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION, WAS UPSET WHEN OFFICIALS CHARGED CIA RAN GUERRILLA OPNS THRU RETURNED GEN VANG PAO; MANSFIELD DENIED US INVOLVEMENT, POINTED OUT VANG PAO IS REFUGEE IN MONTANA.

REUTER'S SURESH (WP 4/14) NOTES HANOI PLANS ATTRACT TOURISTS TO EARN FOREX. MENTIONS ATTRACTIONS/FACILITIES/ PROBLEMS.

8. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

SWAIN (KL WP 4/24) REPORTS 300 REFUGEES ARRIVED IN MALAYSIA BY BOAT LAST MO. NOTES WORLD CONF FOR RELIGION/ PEACE LAST YR CHARGERED 2 SHIPS TO PICK UP REFUGEES. SAYS SHIPS PICKED UP REFUGEES FROM CAMPS/"MYSTERIOUS LAOTIAN" AT BANGKOK SOLD PASSAGES TO AUSTRALIA FOR ILLEGAL REFUGEES.

STATES SHIPS W/HUMAN CARGOES NOW INTL SCANDAL, SINCE NO COUNTRY WILL ADMIT MOST REFUGEES.

NYE (SUN 4/24) REVIEWS LIFE IN US FOR VIET REFUGEES. FINDS OPINIONS VARY. NOTES FORMER EDITORIAL WRITER WONDERS WHERE AMNESTY INTL IS NOW/WHY SILENT ABOUT NUMBERS IN VN PRISON. ADDS REFUGEES' OPINIONS VARY RE RESUMPTION DIPL RELS BETW US/VN.
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KNIGHT (NYT 4/23)/AP, WP (4/24) REPORT ON REFUSAL CONN JUDGE RETURN 2 VIET CHILDREN TO MOTHER WHO EARLIER OFFERED THEM FOR ADOPTION.

9. ADB

AT 10TH ANNUAL MEETING, ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK RESOLVED MAINTAIN AID FLOW TO NEEDIEST COUNTRIES/REDUCE PROJECT DELAYS. BANK CHAIRMAN YOSHIDA SAID INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO REPLENISH BANK'S DEVELOPMENT FUND, WHICH IN DANGER RUNNING OUT OF FUNDS BY '79 (MANILA WP, 4/24).

FROM MANILA, WP'S WIDEMAN SAYS PROSPECT OF US CRACKDOWN ON COUNTRIES VIOLATING HUMAN RTS MAJOR FOCUS OF ATTENTION AT ANNUAL ADB MEETING. REPS CONCERNED WITH US CONGRESS BILL THAT WOULD REQUIRE US REPS TO ADB/MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS VOTE AGAINST AID TO COUNTRIES W/PATTERN CONSISTENTLY VIOLATING HUMAN RTS. NOTES SK/PHILS BOTH CRITICIZED BY CONGRESS FOR RTS VIOLATIONS ARE BANK'S HEAVIEST BORROWERS. PHIL PRES MARCOS TOLD ADB GOVERNORS RAISING RTS ISSUE PLOY DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM MAIN GLOBAL GOAL MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION WORLD'S WEALTH. SENTIMENTS ECHOED BY ADB BOARD CHAIRMAN FROM MALAYSIA. CITES STATEMENT BY US DEL NACHMANOFF THAT USG BELIEVES GOALS/PURPOSES INTERNATIONAL BANKS ENCOMPASS BROAD RANGE OF FUNDAMENTAL CONCERNS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. INDONESIA

AS FIRST FOREIGN PRESS REP ALLOWED VISIT E TIMOR IN PAST 10 MOS. REUTER'S SOEHARJONO FINDS BITTER CIVIL WAR SCARS ALMOST WIPED OUT IN DILI, WITH ONLY FEW DAMAGED BUILDINGS
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STANDING AS REMINDERS OF INDO/FRETILIN FIERCE BATTLES. NOTED INDO LANGUAGE BEING TAUGHT SCHOOL CHILDREN/CIVIL SERVANTS; MOST PEOPLE SPEAK LOCAL "TETUNG" DIALECT, AND

PORTUGUESE SELDOM HEARD SPOKEN (4/23).

11. KOREA

NYT CITES PARK'S NEW CRACKDOWN ON POL OPPONENTS; ASKS IF "SENSE OF STRATEGIC OBLIGATION- MUST RENDER US HELPLESS AGAINST "MOST BRAZEN VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS." AFTER BEING AROUSED TO HUMAN RTS CAUSE IN E EUR/USSR/LATIN AMER/AFR, "DO WE LET STAND" IMPRESSION THAT US SECURITY "SUPERSEDES ALL HUMANITY?" NOTES WHILE PRES WROTE TO SAKHAROV, "NO WORD OF SYMPATHY" FROM WH FOR KIM DAE JUNG. STATES SK'S "ERRANT RULERS" SURELY MORE NERVOUS ABOUT TIES TO US THAN US IS ABOUT TIES TO SK. CONCLUDES US "CANNOT SOON IMPOSE DEMOCRACY" IN SK, "BUT WE HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT TO DEMAND DECENCY."

HALLORAN (NYT 4/24) INTERVIEWS 1ST-TERM NY CONGRESSMEN CAPUTO. REP SAYS HE PREFERS THINK ETHICS CMTE LAG DUE PROCEDURAL MATTERS, BUT SAYS "SURE DOES CROSS MY MIND" THAT MEMBERS RELUCTANT PRESS CASE "AGAINST THEIR FRIENDS." HALLORAN CITES 5 SEPARATE INQUIRIES RE KOREAN ACTIVITIES IN US. SAYS MOST PROGRESS APPEARS MADE BY FED RESERVE RE ILLEGAL DEALS BETW DIPLOMAT NATL BANK/MOON CHURCH. MENTIONS OTHER PROBES/ETHICS CMTE SPLIT OVER PROCEEDING SPEEDILY/PUBLICLY OR SLOWLY/SECRETLY.

12. THAILAND/BURMA

SIMONS (BANGKOK WP 4/24) REPORTS CRACKDOWN ON DRUG TRAFFIC FOR 1ST TIME CONVINCES US NARCS THAT RTG SERIOUS. NOTES THAI AUTHORITIES SEIZING RECORD QUANTITIES HEROIN/ OTHER DRUGS, TRYING CONVINCE TRIBAL FARMERS GROW OTHER CROPS. STATES RTG/GUB COOPERATION CONSIDERED KEY TO UNCLASSIFIED

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CRUSHING NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. BELIEVES RAPID INCREASE ADDICTION AMONG CHILDREN INFLUENTIAL THAIS IS IMPORTANT FACTOR; SIMILAR DEVELOPMENT ALARMED BURMESE AUTHORITIES.

MCARTHUR (BANGKOK) NOTES THAILAND FORSOOK TRADITION WHEN EXECUTED GENL WHO BUNGLED LAST MO'S COUP. SAYS POL UP-HEAVAL LOSERS USUALLY PERMITTED GO INTO "PROSPEROUS EXILE." CITES "OBVIOUS REASON" AS FACT CHALARD BROKE "UNWRITTEN RULES" BY SHOOTING GEN AROON.

13. CHINA

WM BUCKLEY WRITES THAT HAK ADVISED HIM HIS STORY OF LAST WK (WHICH SAID SECRET MEMO OF '72 NIXON-CHOU TALKS ON REVEALED NIXON PROMISE TO "NORMALIZE" IN 2ND TERM AND THIS MEANT ABANDONING TAIWAN) IS SUBSTANTIALLY MISLEADING AND BUCKLEY'S COMMENTS UNJUST. BUCKLEY QUESTIONS WHAT

"NORMALIZE" MEANS. SUGGESTS CARTER ADMIN/HAK AND NIXON ADMIN/CHINESE HAVE DIFFERENT VIEWS. ASKS IF NIXON ADMIN COMMITMENT PEACEFUL OVERTURES TO TAIWAN BY PRC AS PRECONDITION TO NORMALIZATION IS CARTER ADMIN STAND; IS CARTER WILLING STAND BY PRECONDITION OR GO BEYOND NIXON PROMISE AND ADOPT CHINESE POSITION (I.E. LIBERATION OF TAIWAN IS PRC'S "INTERNAL AFFAIR"). SAYS IF CARTER ADMIN TRYING DO LATTER BUT SET UP PUBLIC OPINION BY ADVERTISING INCORRECTLY GOING NO FURTHER THAN NIXON, IT IS RUNNING GREAT RISK. QUESTION OUGHT BE RESOLVED/SHOULD BE EASY RESOLVE. MEMORANDUM SHOULD BE PUBLISHED AND NATIONAL DEBATE THEN PROCEED (GLOBE).

NYT'S WREN (MOSCOW 4/23) SAYS SOV PARTY SECY ZIMYANIN'S RENEWED CRITICISM OF PRC AT RALLY MARKING LENIN'S 107TH ANNIVERSARY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT SINO-SOV TIES HAVEN'T IMPROVED SINCE MAO DEATH/PORTEND RENEWAL SINO-SOV "WAR OF WORDS"/CHILLIER NEW PHASE IN CHINESE-SOV RELS. WREN UNCLASSIFIED

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OPINES THAT ZIMYANIN REMARKS, WHICH PROMPTED WALKOUT OF PRC CHARGE D' AFFAIRS, MAY HAVE BEEN PROMPTED PARTLY BY SOVIET PIQUE OVER PEKING CHARGES SOVS PLANNED INSURGENT INVASION OF ZAIRE.

IN REPORT FROM KAOHSIUNG, NYT'S BUTTERFIELD WRITES THAT TAIWAN IS ALTERING EMPHASIS OF ITS ECONOMY; GOAL OF HIGHLY DEVELOPED INDUSTRY STRESSES RECENT TECHNOLOGY. MENTIONS UNDERWAY/RECENTLY COMPLETED INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS. ADDS SOME TERMED 10 MAJOR PROJECTS, CONCEIVED OF IN EARLY '70'S, AS TAIWAN'S "GREAT LEAP FORWARD"; BUT MOST NOW BELIEVE PROJECTS ARE SUCCESS. TAIWAN'S MAINTAINED REPUTATION AS BEST INVESTMENT RISK IN ASIA AFTER JAPAN. ECONOMY CONSERVATIVELY MANAGED. PROJECTS RESHAPING INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE OF ISLAND. MOST EXPENSIVE IS NUKE POWER PLANT/STEEL MILL MOST CONTROVERSIAL.

14. INDOCHINA

BROWNING (PARIS CSM) SAYS PHAM VAN DONG'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO FRANCE SIGNALS END VN'S POSTWAR BASIC REBUILDING/BEGINNING STRONG EFFORTS DEVELOP TRADE/FINANCIAL RELS W/OTHER COUNTRIES. ADDS MOST OBSERVERS EXPECT MAY 3 TALKS W/US WILL LEAD TO ESTABLISHMENT DIPL RELS/RETURN US ECON ACTIVITY IN VN. REVIEWS VN-FRENCH RELS, INCL RECENT AID AGREEMENT.

FORMER US AMB TO YUGOSLAVIA SILBERMAN (NYT) LOOKS OVER QUESTION RECOGNITION VN/CUBA; ADVISES AGAINST FOR BOTH, SINCE "CONDITIONS UNFAVORABLE" TO US AT PRESENT. CALLS MAY 3 NEGOTS W/VN "THINLY DISGUISED" RETREAT FROM REASON-

ABLE POSITION OF NO DISCUSSION/RECOGNITION UNTIL VN MAKES
FULL MIA ACCOUNTING. SAYS VN COMPLIANCE WOULD HAVE
CONSTITUTED TACIT ABANDONMENT "ABSURD" WAR CLAIMS. OPINES
OUTCOME PARIS NEGOTS LIKELY INCLUDE TANGIBLE ECON ADVAN-
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TAGES FOR VN.

SILBERMAN CALLS "ILLUSION" ARGUMENT THAT US RELS W/VN/CUBA
WILL INDUCE THEM WIDEN DISTANCE FROM USSR; BELIEVES
NEITHER WILL SIGNIFICANTLY MODERATE ANTI-US POLICIES AFTER
US RECOGNITION, SINCE BOTH COMMUNIST STATES WHOSE GEO-
POLITICAL POSITION DICTATES CLOSE RELS W/USSR. STATES
ADMIN POLICY SERVES PACIFY "MCGOVERN GROUP" IN DEM PARTY/
FOLLOWS BRZEZINSKI'S ADVISE AVOID CONFRONTATION W/MARXISM
IN 3RD WORLD.

SILBERMAN CONCLUDES IDEOLOGICAL "DEFEATISM" DOES NOT
SQUARE W/PRES' EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RTS, BUT MAY EXPLAIN WHY
ADMIN APPEARS FLABBY IN DEALING W/VN/CUBA WHILE REMAINING
FIRM W/MOSCOW.

AP'S THOMAS (WP 4/24) NOTES MOVIEMAKERS HAVE DIS COVERED
VN WAR, HAVE HALF-DOZEN FILMS ON WAR/CONSEQUENCES IN
WORKS. CALLS TREND CURIOUS. MENTIONS COPPOLA'S
"APOCALYPSE NOW" HAS ATTRACTED MOST ATTN, DUE PROBLEMS/
EXPENSE/CAST CHANGES.

TOM BUCKLEY (NYT 4/24) REVIEWS HANGEN'S "TELL HIM THAT I
HEARD." DESCRIBES WELLS HANGEN'S CAPTURE IN CAMBODIA IN
1970. FINDS WIFE'S ACCOUNT OF DAYS/MOS/YRS THAT FOLLOWED
HARROWING, W/HOPES RAISED AND DASHED.

15. HUMAN RTS

WP (4/23) BLAMES PRES FOR HARKIN AMENDMENT THAT REQUIRES
US OPPOSE WB/OTHER LOANS TO COUNTRIES ENGAGING IN PATTERN
VIOLATION HUMAN RTS. NOTES AMENDMENT SWEEP HOUSE,
PROSPECTS LESS PROMISING IN SENATE. NOTES PRES MORE SOBER
RECENTLY, NO LONGER AS CERTAIN THAT US HAS REACH TO BRING
RTS VIOLATORS TO HEEL/IS PREPARED ACCEPT LIMITATIONS IN
NAME DISCRETION/EFFECTIVENESS. WP APPROVES CHANGE/SAYS
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SUGGESTS NOT SURRENDER BUT MATURITY. BELIEVES ADMIN
DESERVES OPPORTUNITY INDULGE IN "DIPLOMATIC JAWBONING"
ON RTS.

16. TARIFFS

ROWEN (WP 4/23) DISCUSSES POSSIBLE EFFECTS TAX REBATES ON FUEL-EFFICIENT CARS COULD HAVE ON IMPORTS. SAYS MAY VIOLATE GATT RULES.

17. GENERAL

MIDDLETON (NYT 4/24) WONDERS IF ALL THOSE US MIL BASES IN SK/JAPAN/PHILS/DG/ELSEWHERE REALLY NECESSARY. NOTES CONGRESS TURNING EYE ON O'SEAS BASES/INSTALLATIONS. SAYS INSTALLATIONS WILL BE JUDGED ON BASIS USEFULNESS IN PEACE/ AVAILABILITY IN WAR; CLARK AB AND OTHERS WILL BE LOOKED AT W/THIS IN MIND. ADDS MANY POSITIONS ABROAD NOT "REAL BASES," BUT WARNING POSTS/ELINT INSTALLATIONS/COMMO STATIONS. POINTS OUT MIL/CONGRESSIONAL ANALYSTS BELIEVE NEXT FEW YRS WILL SEE REDUCTION IN SIZE/NUMBER LARGER BASES, BUT EXPANSION SOVIET POWER WILL REQUIRE MAINTENANCE SMALLER POSTS FOR SURVEILLANCE/COMMO.

SNOW (GLOBE 4/22) NOTES DIMINISHING NUMBER US NEWSMEN WORKING ABROAD. QUOTES PROFESSIONALS THAT RETRENCHMENT LARGELY FINANCIAL, BUT FLAGGING US INTEREST IN WORLD IS FACTOR. SEES CONCENTRATION O'SEAS NEWS IN HANDS FEW MAJOR US PAPERS/NETWORKS/MAGS. ADDS "THIRD WORLD NEWS AGENCY" BEING PROMOTED DUE DOMINANCE MAJOR WIRE SERVICES. DEPLORES APPARENT WANING INTEREST IN FON AFFAIRS BY US PUBLIC.
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